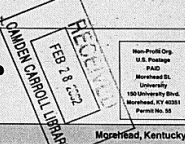


# The Trail Blazer



## Studies show students becoming more liberal

BY ROBERT J. BANTA

STAFF WRITER

More college freshmen are calling themselves liberal than in the last three decades.

And during the last five years, the number of co-existing freshmen across the nation who call themselves politically liberal has risen steadily.

In the American Freshman Survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA in the fall of 2001, 29.9 percent of college freshmen said they were "liberal" or "far left," the highest percentage since the height of the Vietnam War in 1971 when 40.9 percent said they were liberal.

In conducting the survey, students were asked to describe their views on certain hot-button issues such as the legalization of marijuana, same sex marriages, and the abolishment of the death penalty.

More than one third of those surveyed believed marijuana should be legalized, the highest percentage in 57.9 years. In a recent percentage, 57.9 percent believe same-sex marriages should be legalized. The highest number in two decades, 32.2 percent, believe the death penalty should be abolished.

The study also showed that students are becoming more politically active. At an all-time high since the question entered the survey in 1966, 47.5 percent said they had participated in an organized demonstration.

Shelly Judenkau, a senior from Roger Bacon High School visiting MSU for the 44th Annual Concert Band Clinic, said, "I don't really have a certain political view, but

*"As the war drags on there will be more protests. It's the body bag effect. More US troops dead equals more questions."*

—Eric Swank

Asst. Professor of Social Work

society I'm liberal because that's the society I grew up in."

Studies of political association like HERRI's show family is a major factor in the development of political ideas.

Eric Swank, MSU assistant professor of social work, said, "Every 20 years, cohorts seem to move toward more liberal thinking because their parents were liberal."

For the most part, it's not a matter of the children of conservatives rebelling and becoming liberal, it's the children of liberals simply

becoming more liberal, he said.

"In the 60's, 80's, and the beginning of this century you get a more liberal generation. Look at the history of the 60's, activists' parents were liberal, the hippies were called Red Diaper Babies because they were thought to be the children of communists. It's called the political lineage theory."

"Liberal activism is usually associated with the expectation of great economic growth and the disappointment that the distribution of that wealth does not keep up," Swank said.

By definition, a liberal is someone who favors greater freedom in political or religious matters and specifically in politics.

Assistant Professor of Government Greg Goldley said "A liberal is someone who at a very basic level tends to believe government should be less involved in social issues and more involved in regulating economic issues."

For example, a liberal might say on freedom of choice that is should be left to the individual. On economics, for example, liberals argue for a minimum wage for all workers," Goldley

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## On to Louisville . . .

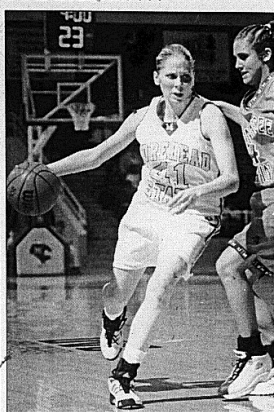


Photo by Gus Hoffman

Sophomore guard Kandi Brown drives toward the basket in the Lady Eagles' 90-66 win last night over UT-Martin at home in the first round of the OVC Tournament. Brown had 11 points, six rebounds and seven assists in the victory. MSU will face Tennessee Tech on Saturday at 8 p.m. in Louisville.

## Student arrested in dorm stabbing

BY JENNIFER SEWELL

MANAGING EDITOR

A female MSU student was arrested last night in connection with an assault on a male student in Carmell Hall.

MSU Police Chief Douglas Brown said Amber Swopes, 101 Carmell Hall, was arrested at 9:45 p.m. on charges of assault in the first degree.

Brown said the male student who was assaulted was taken by ambulance to St. Claire Medical Center where he was treated.

"I am not prepared to comment about how many people were involved because it is an open investigation," Brown said.

Public Safety officers interviewed several residents of Carmell following the inspection of room 616.

Four to five people told the Trail Blazer they saw Swopes stab the male student.

One witness, Timothy Deaton, who lives in 614 Carmell, said he was inside his room and "heard commotion and felt shuffling down the hall" shortly before police arrived.

"I walked out to see what was going on and as soon as I looked out, there was a girl and a guy fighting near the trash room in the hallway," Deaton said.

Deaton said he witnessed Swopes being pushed into the trash room by a male, who he identified as "KK."

Deaton said "KK" was visiting 616 Carmell and was not a resident.

The girl (Swopes) came at KK and then stabbed him in the back with a steak knife," Deaton said.

Deaton said after Swopes stabbed him, another male student stepped in to pull Swopes off of "KK."

Witness Matt Vanhorn, who

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## Government takes over airport security

### Analysis

BY ROBERT J. BANTA

STAFF WRITER

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, airline

security has been under fire, especially the screeners who check carry-on baggage.

For a job that is the last line of defense between a potential terrorist and an airplane, the workers have been, for the most part underpaid, under-qualified, and under-trained,

according to published reports.

Often they made less money than an employee at a fast food restaurant in the same airport. There also have been instances of convicted felons working at baggage check-points.

In 1996, after TWA Flight 800 exploded off the coast of Long Island, the Gore Commission, headed by former Vice-President Al Gore, was formed to examine the airline industry.

Although the commission initially favored stricter security measures, such as baggage matching, where no checked bag can be put on an airplane unless the ticket holder was also aboard, action was eventually delayed. In the final weeks of the 1996 presidential campaign, as it became clear who the winner would

be, the airline industry contributed over \$500,000 to the Democratic Party.

Airport security was a job no body wanted. The FAA and the government passed it out to the airlines, who in turn, farmed it out to private security firms. The whole thing was driven by profit.

The industry wanted to make as much money as possible so it spent as little as possible contracting with the security companies that charged the least. The same held true for the security firms. For them to make as much money as possible, they hired minimum wage workers to handle airport security.

At Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta, Ga., America's busiest airport, the turnover rate for

minimum wage workers was about 400 percent, meaning that in a year, the entire workforce quit and was rehired four times.

Many people think the federal government taking over security under the newly formed Transportation Security Administration, is a long overdue step in the right direction.

Two presidential commissions told the airlines how bad security was and nothing was done. One commission warned last February that "a direct attack against American citizens on American soil is likely over the next quarter century."

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For more security tips while flying or just helpful hints for air travel log on to <http://www.faa.gov>

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Trail Blazer Graphic

## Homosexuality discussed

BY GEORGE CARTER

NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Richard Purvis, a Louisville psychologist, spoke Feb. 21 in the Adair Dorn University Center about sexual awareness and prejudice involving sexual orientation.

The discussion, titled "Pride, Prejudice and Homosexuality: What do we know? What's my part?", was sponsored by the University Counseling Center and the Alternative Lifestyles, Student Organization (ALSO).

Purvis, who identified himself as a gay man, concentrated on prejudice and discrimination involving homosexuals and discussed ways people can behave differently to ease the negative treatment received by homosexuals.

During and after his lecture, he took questions from the audience. Approximately 30 people attended the discussion. Purvis said he was happy with the turnout.

He pointed out that things have changed and homosexuals have been more widely accepted since he graduated college in 1981.

"In my lifetime, the ability of our society to talk about the issue has gone through the roof," Purvis said. He said 30 years ago the issue of

homosexuality was not brought up. Now, he said, people hear about it everywhere – on television, in movies, and in magazines and newspapers.

Purvis said prejudice and discrimination are very normal and are vital to the survival of the human species.

He said through evolution humans have learned the first thing they do is feel and react, instead of thinking a situation through. The thinking stage comes later.

"The point is," Purvis said, "prejudice and discrimination are not bad character traits. Everybody has prejudice and everybody discriminates."

Purvis said it is natural for heterosexuals to feel prejudice toward

homosexuals.

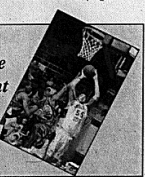
But, he said, heterosexuals should find ways to help homosexuals and should be friendly with them instead of feeling hatred toward them.

He talked about recent murders of homosexuals in the United States and riots geared toward homosexuals. He said all people who do not take a stand against the hatred of homosexuals are partly to blame for these actions.

Heterosexuals can help the problem by having a personal relationship with homosexuals, reaching out to them, being proactive, and bringing.

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Inside Complete Eagle OVC Tournament coverage on page 8



## Female attempts suicide at Alumni

BY JENNIFER BROWN

EDITOR

A female allegedly tried to commit suicide off of Alumni Tower on Feb. 19.

Director of University Communications Pauline Young said the girl allegedly tried to jump off of Alumni Tower, but said she did not think it was on the roof of the building.

Young said the female was a former student at Morehead State University, but was not currently enrolled.

Young said it was a medical situation. MSU Police Chief Douglas Brown refused to give any information about the incident.

"I was instructed not to release any information about the incident," Brown said. "All information on this incident will be released by University Communications."

Young said, "We would not normally be putting out a press release

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## STABBING, from front

lives in Cooper Hall, identified the student as "Lucky."

"Lucky tried to help KK but the girl (Swoopes) swung the knife at him (Lucky) and made a slight mark on his wrist," Deaton said.

Kris Bushelman, a resident of 601 Carmell Hall, said he was in his room and heard "a loud thud from his door."

"My roommate and I looked through the peephole at what was going on," Bushelman said.

Bushelman said he saw the male student run down the stairwell, leaving a small trace of blood behind on the sixth floor.

"I know he ran to Public Safety for help," Bushelman said.

Following the run to the police station, Bushelman said Public Safety officers found Swoopes, who had returned to her room on the first floor.

"I know they (Public Safety officers) pulled out their guns on her (Swoopes) and found a pair of scissors on her," Bushelman said.

Brown refused to comment on details of the assault.

Swoopes is being held at the Rowan County Jail pending arraignment.

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## LIBERAL, from front

Chris Katz, a senior from Roger Bacon, also visiting for the hand clinic, said "I think the government should have a mediating role but shouldn't control things because if they start controlling it, it'll be a control economy. I mean, in Cincinnati, Larry Flint had been kicked out of the sand times. If he wants to sell porn he should be allowed."

In a study conducted at MSU by the Trail Blazer similar to the American Freshman Survey, 56 percent of students said they were liberal.

al when asked directly whether they considered themselves conservative or liberal.

Based on their answers to the same questions asked by the American Freshman Survey only 35 percent were found to be liberal, still much higher than the national average of 29 percent.

Of the surveys collected, 50 percent showed discrepancies between what people said they were when asked directly and how they voted. The majority of people said they were liberal but answered as if they

## Police Report

Feb. 12 - Feb. 25

Tara Hendrickson, 19, 1934 Road 582, Pinpoint, Ky., was cited Feb. 12 at ADUC.

Joseph R. Jones, 20, 241 Wesley Drive, Nicholasville, Ky., was cited Feb. 21 at Marietta Drive for expired registration and no insurance.

Jill Billiter, 21, 2804 Surfside Drive, Villa Hills, Ky., was cited Feb. 20 at LaFina's for disregarding a stop sign.

Sabra Kittle, 19, Route 3 Box 2030, Catelesburg, Ky., was cited Feb. 20 at ADUC for no operator's license.

Jeffrey D. Kaner, 19, HC 76 Box 939, Quincy, Ky., was cited Feb. 21 at Carmell Hall for disre-

garding a stop sign.

Devlin R. Barker, 18, 5145 Aben Road, Olive Hill, Ky., was cited Feb. 21 on Main Street for disregarding a stop sign.

Joshua P. Watts, 20, 1313 Janelle Court, Lexington, Ky., was cited Feb. 21 at Vaughn Drive and Lee Avenue for disregarding a stop sign.

Brian Rose, 23, 525 Green Ave., West Liberty, Ky., was cited Feb. 21 at Vaughn Drive and Lee Avenue for improper start, no license in possession, and no insurance.

Matthew Simpkins, 19, Route 3 Rockcastle Road, Inez, Ky., was arrested Feb. 25 at Woodson Drive for driving under the influence.

questions as they learn about American foreign policy."

Even the Vietnam War was initially supported by the American people, Swank said.

"We went to war in Vietnam in the early '60s," Swank said, "but protests didn't start until '65. As the war drags on there will be more protests. It's the body bag effect. More US troops dead equals more protests."

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## SUICIDE, from front

about something like this and we're not going to."

Brown said he was instructed by Vice President for Student Life Mike Minney not to disclose information about the incident.

Minney could not be reached for comment.

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prejudices and how that relates to homosexuality.

"Sometimes this genetic fear that we have inside of things that are different than us can cause us to miss out on some good things in life," Reynolds said. "An example would be a good friend who just happens to be homosexual."

Dan Collins, MSU staff psychologist, said anyone wanting someone to talk to about homosexuality can contact the University Counseling Center.

George Carter can be reached by phone at 783-2697.

## Clarification

In a graph accompanying a Feb. 20 front page story on campus arrests, the number of arrests reported at EKU should have been 65. The source of the information for the statistics came from www.campanusale.org.

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## EDITORIALS

### Barbaric acts will not be tolerated by America

Last week, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl was confirmed dead from a videotape that was found in Pakistan where he was being held captive.

In a statement shortly after Pearl was confirmed dead President Bush said it was a "barbaric act" that would "only deepen the resolve of the United States" in fighting terrorism.

Pearl leaves behind his wife who is pregnant with their first child, a son.

This man died doing a service to this country. Pearl was on assignment in Pakistan seeking an interview with the head of a faction linked to the al-Qaeda and terrorist suspect Richard Reid who was arrested in December for trying to board an airplane with explosives in his shoes.

Like the many military casualties sustained in the last six months, Pearl died in vain. Nothing was accomplished by these terrorists but angering the United States and deepening the pain inflicted by terrorism.

What these terrorists did not do is scare America into leaving behind the fight against terrorism. These terrorists did not scare journalists into abandoning their jobs and their responsibility to bring information to the American public.

Pearl's death comes as a traumatic blow to the journalism field, but this tragedy should drive journalists to get the information and get vital information to the American public no matter what the cost.

Daniel Pearl should be remembered not for his kidnapping and death, but for the work he accomplished, the work he was doing and the family he left behind.

America needs to send these terrorists a message—we will never back down in the war on terrorism.

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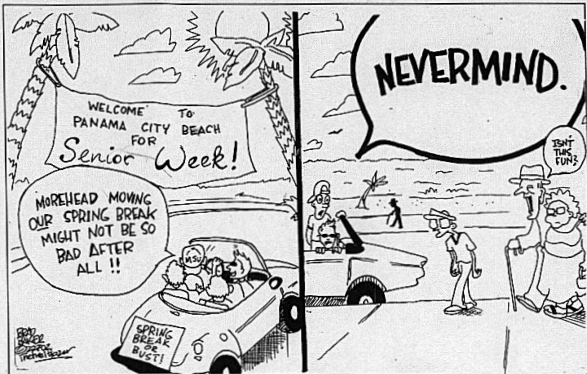
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## Commentary

### Olympic athletes losing support America in danger of losing future Olympians

BY SARAH CLARK  
OPINION EDITOR

The Olympic torch has been extinguished, and the athletes from visiting countries are returning to their homes.

This comes as a relief to many Americans, not because they were afraid of a terrorist attack, but because regular primetime television is returning.

It is sad to hear people say they are glad the Olympics are gone and their favorite programs are back because these athletes train strenuously year round to prepare for three weeks of Olympic competition. Many people do not respect the efforts of these athletes, but revel in their mistakes. Many only watch the games to see which athletes fall and their Olympic dreams shattered.

Some of these people do not know. Many people don't take the time to research how these athletes made it to the Olympics. Many Olympians have been training since they were children to finally get the chance to compete with the world's best athletes.

Because of a lack of interest in Olympic athletes, I also see a lack of interest in many of the athletic events themselves. When people lose interest in certain things, they begin to fade away.

If Americans are more concerned about getting to watch a new episode of *Friends*, what is going to happen in the future? Is America truly becoming a nation of couch potatoes with shallow interests?

Atheism should be promoted in young if we are to keep sport alive.

Athletes of all levels, professional, amateur, college, high school and peewee should be respected because they train to excel to become the best they can be. Most athletes won't make it to the

Olympic games, and this may be okay with them because they enjoy athletic competition at any level.

My dream from childhood was to be a college soccer player, and with the help and faith of my coach, I made it. I will never play soccer in the Olympics or World Cup, but maybe someone I have competed with will, and I deeply respect that.

I respect people who pour their heart and soul into their work and their dreams—and so should the rest of America. The saga of Ross and Rachel will always be on in syndication, but the Olympics happen only every four years.

If the Olympic committee approved a new sport for the Olympic games—potato chip eating—America would surely come home with the gold.

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## CAMPUS COMMENT

Do you think Americans support Olympic athletes or do you think they don't give enough support? Why?



Dr. Bob Grueninger  
Professor of Exercise Science  
"I think there is too much hype. They have turned it into a Hollywood glitz. I'd like to see it toned down a bit with more emphasis on athletes and their performances."



Rachel Dean  
Freshman  
Theatre  
"America as a whole has been through so much lately. I think we should respect the Olympics because there is not enough pride coming from Americans."



Dann Grossman  
Graduate  
Education  
"I don't think there is enough hype. The only thing that got any credit was the figure skating scandal."



Francis Montgomery  
Senior  
University Studies  
"I feel the athletes do deserve more respect for their efforts. They work hard to get there and I feel we should support them."

## Notable Quotes

"World War Three will be fought with weapons of mass destruction. World War Four will be fought with sticks and stones."

-(Albert Einstein)

"Nothing touches a work of art so little as words of criticism; they always result in more or less fortunate misunderstandings."

-(Rainer Maria Rilke, Letters to a Young Poet)

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."

-(Bible, Proverbs 15:1)

"Power is not a means; it is an end. One does not establish a dictatorship in order to safeguard a revolution; one makes the revolution in order to establish the dictatorship."

-(George Orwell, Nineteen Eighty-Four)



# The Trail Blazer Writing History Since 1927

## The Trail Blazer revisits a decade of change

### The 1930s brought sports fans and an increase in student enrollment

By JENNIFER SEWELL

MANAGING EDITOR

The 1930s was a decade of change for Morehead State and *The Trail Blazer*.

During this period, enrollment increased each year at Morehead State Teachers College.

According to a Sept. 24, 1934 *Trail Blazer* article, MSTC had the largest enrollment in its history with 608 students. The number of students enrolled increased by 171 from 1933.

But the number of students was not the only change at MSTC.

As a column written by writer Billy Babbs read in 1934, "The spotlight is on Sports."

And this was not entirely the case. *The Trail Blazer* published every two weeks and each issue contained a sports story as the banner story.

Headlines read, "Eagles smash

Hearty in football," and "Eagles smother Louisville in first game played in state."

One of the school's biggest footballs was with Centre College in Danville, Ky.

In 1933, MSTC lost to the Colonels on the gridiron 47 to 0.

But the Eagles got redemption the following year. On Nov. 19, 1934, the football team crushed Centre 31-0.

The headline read, "Eagles swap Centre Frank with pass barrage and revenge defeat."

Morehead was accepted into the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1933.

This announcement caused some problems with some athletes being gained membership to play.

According to a Dec. 19, 1933 article, arguments against the move were blunted on the fact that if

accepted, the football squad would lose nine of its members through



Front page of a Nov. 4, 1932 issue of *The Trail Blazer*.

## Morehead professor kidnapped by a man wanted in five states

By SAM BRADLEY JR.

Published on Nov. 19, 1934

When a professor forces a young man to do something, that is not unusual. When a young man forces a professor to lose his academic integrity, that is something! Ask

Professor Haggan, head of the Agricultural Department. His recent kidnapping was a bigger thrill than even expectations of Christmas jollies. Not as exciting as his recent big "catch" in the fishing he insists.

"I haven't been able to decide which was the bigger 'catch,' nor which the bigger fish. Of all cuts to choose from in Morehead, the professor chose the most conspicuous. Mine chose the most conspicuous. Mine has two extra whistles on the sides.

"We're very much embarrassed by all the headlines about my experiences."

"Yes a little. Every newspaper printed the story so much I should have known it happened to me. If my name had not been used."

With a little explanation, Professor Haggan was induced to tell the adventure in his own words, with his little variation as possible, as follows:

"When he jumped into my car and said, 'This is a stick-up,' I thought he was joking. Believing it was a faculty or student acquaintance, I didn't move fast enough. This is a stick-up," he repeated, pushing his gun at my neck. I knew then it wasn't any friend. The gun looked too big to be friendly. Why, it looked like the barrel was as big around as a vacuum. The whole thing looked like a German Howitzer.

After riding two blocks, I knew he only wanted to see it. It was a case of matching wits. I had to be careful to keep Mary with me. Thinking he meant to rob me, I slipped four dollars from my vest pocket into my shoe. He asked me whether I had any money. I told him 'no.' He thought I would need that money to get back home so if we went very far. The change from the five after I had bought eight gallons of gas, I used later in telephoning for his capture.

"While still telephoning, laying a police net from Owingville, the

Henningsburg officers telephoned to Morehead that they had caught him. Within an hour and fifteen minutes he had been caught. I could believe it. Santa Claus when I got back my car."

"Who had the most police during this—Mary or her father?"

"I'd say she did. She was as cool as you please. When she saw the gun she jumped from the car looking over her shoulder, said 'Come on, daddy.' After the talk with the robber in jail that morn-

ing, the robber hid him. 'Sweet dreams until we meet again.'"

"Well, you look a lot better to me in jail," replied Professor Haggan. "Now you're sitting on the rear seat of my car."

Professor Haggan says he cannot give advice to others about what to do in similar situations. To all prospective kidnappers he issues the warning: "Use better judgment."

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intelligibility, several members of the basketball team would be lost."

MSTC was a member of the West Virginia Conference under whose rules the men were eligible.

The decision allowed MSTC to be in "closer contact with other Kentucky colleges, the majority of which belonged to the SIAA," according to the article.

Sports were not the only events the news staff covered.

Stories such as new motion picture equipment to be installed in Morehead, made the front page.

Also, a staff member interviewed a Morehead college professor after a wanted man kidnapped him. (Read story below.)

While the school continued pushing forward in education and athletics, *The Trail Blazer* spearheaded a new look campaign of its

front page.

The newspaper printed its masthead with an outline of Beckinridge Training School behind the title.

In the 1930s, sports pages were added then taken away.

By the end of the decade, the sports pages remained but with most of the game stories on the front page.

The paper was published every two weeks and *The Trail Blazer* received 50 cents out of each 510 student copy.

Next week, *The Trail Blazer* staff revisits the 1940s in honor of its 75th anniversary.

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# CAMPUS LIFE

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## Body piercing a growing campus trend

BY ABIGAIL MALIK  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Elaine Davidson of Edinburgh, Scotland, has a record-breaking total of 20 piercings, nearly 200 of which are facial, according to the 2001 Guinness Book of World Records.

No MSU student can account for that many piercings, but both males and females are commonly seen with pierced noses, navels and eyebrows, to name a few popular areas.

"One student with an eyebrow ring, who chooses to remain anonymous, says she wanted her piercing because it would be something different for her."

"When I got it done very few people had the eyebrow pierced," she said. "I thought it would be unique."

But piercing is a trend that quickly became mainstream.

Julia Sharp, co-owner of Mainstreet Ink in Morehead, says there really is no common place for a person to get a body piercing.

"Everybody's getting his or her tongue and eyebrow pierced," she says. "Navels are still popular, of

course."

Sharp says when she was in Louisiana recently, she saw a larger variety of piercings than she has seen in Morehead.

"We've done some genital areas and a few more nipples than usual,"

she says. "The trend is coming to Morehead."

Freshman Art major Brad Given has not jumped on the body piercing bandwagon.

"I'm just not into that kind of stuff," he says. "A girl with a lot of

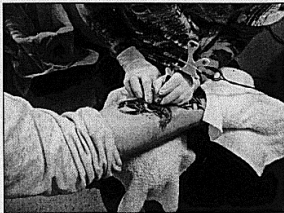


Photo by George Carter

Along with body piercing, tattooing is a favorite form of body decoration by many students.

piercings is probably more adventurous than I am."

Stephanie Thacker, freshman economics major, could not handle looking at the piercing world record-holder Davidson.

"I don't like face piercings," she says. "I just think it's gross."

Just as Given sees people with many piercings as adventurous, Thacker says they portray themselves as people who are not afraid to do fun things.

But as piercing rises in popularity, so does the necessity for maintaining the health of the area pierced.

Sharp says the easiest way to keep the area clean and infection-free is to operate by a "hand-off" policy.

"Don't let others touch it or put their mouth on it," she says. "Until it is healed, the only time the piercing should be touched is when you are cleaning it. Your hands can transfer germs to the area."

Sharp says to avoid getting any fragrances on the area and rinse it off well to avoid infection.

For those interested in getting a

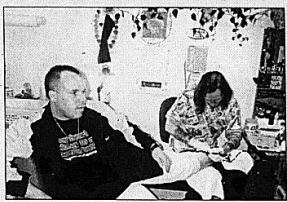


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Strider Blackfoot, right, of Mainstreet Ink, performs a coverup on Shannon Parker's tattoo.

piercing but leery of the pain, Sharp says the best thing to do is relax.

"Some people do get faint and often that's because they don't hold their breath right or they are expecting it to be more uncomfortable than it really is," she says.

Sharp says as long as a newly pierced person follows care instructions,

there will not be any problems.

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## Eating disorder similar to porn

Sushma Subramanian

Daily Trojan (U. Southern California)

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LOS ANGELES - Students have all taken classes teaching how to analyze books and literature, but few have been taught how to read the images in Cosmopolitan and MTV.

"Today, the major form of communication is the image," explained the video "Beyond Killing Us Softly: The Strength to Resist" to a small audience in Leavary Library on Monday.

Brian Uddell, practicum counselor, and psychology intern Michelle Avril presented the video

and a discussion on the media's impact on women as the first of several events planned for National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

The video, made by Gene Kilborn, who has produced two other videos about eating disorders, portrayed media images as a form of pornography.

"Pornography takes violence against women and sexualizes it," the video explained.

It contended to say that media images are similar to pornography. Although they do not present women in bondage, they place them in vulnerable positions. They emphasize women's lack of power and make it sexy, which in turn con-

tributes to eating disorders.

"The thinner you get, the more vulnerable you are. The more you diet, the more you're going to limit your space in the world," the video said.

"But giving up yourself so everyone wants to be with you is paradoxical."

The audience discussion presented different reasons women become victims of eating disorders.

Avril addressed the increase in pro-anorexia Web pages, devoted to promoting the disease as a means to gain parity and a forum for anorexics to compare tips on losing weight and dealing with hunger.

"It's a disease of distorted

thought," Avril said. "Some patients view it as a lifestyle choice, and they don't want to get better."

The first case of anorexia was reported in 1657, proving it was not a sickness created completely by the media. Today, it is affecting minorities at a faster rate, especially those more absorbed in the U.S. culture, Avril said.

"It actually is a sickness of selfishness," said Lindsey Blanco, a freshman majoring in pre-business, who has seen her friends experience anorexia and bulimia. "They're constantly thinking about their body and themselves."

## Meningitis on the rise at colleges

BY JENNIFER BROWN

EDITOR

Since last December, three students at colleges and universities throughout the United States have died of bacterial meningitis.

The most recent case occurred on Jan. 21 at San Diego State University.

According to a press release from the American College Health Association (ACHA), college freshmen living in dorms are one of the highest-risk groups for contracting the disease.

Additionally, there is a likelihood of having a reduced immune system due to poorer eating habits and sleep deprivation.

Freshmen living in dormitories have a 6.33 times higher risk of meningococcal disease than do college students overall, according to findings reported today by officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

According to Avenir Pasteur, Inc., between 1991 and 1997, the

number of cases of meningococcal meningitis nearly doubled from 308 cases to 600 cases among young adults (ages 15 to 24).

Studies show that over 70 percent of all cases of meningococcal disease in college students are vaccine-preventable.

On Sept. 25, 2001, Morehead State University offered the meningitis vaccination to students for \$85. Madonna Weathers, director of student development, said 234 were vaccinated last year.

"It was a very successful program," Weathers said. "It is not considered a public health issue right now."

Weathers said last year was the first time MSU has offered the vaccination, which was from Avenir Pasteur, Inc. She said MSU does not offer the vaccination all year.

"It is a decision you need to make with your family physician," Weathers said.

Weathers said beginning in

1999, MSU sent letters to parents and others to warn them of the slight increase of their children getting the disease and recommended they talk to their family physician.

Meningococcal disease strikes about 2,800 Americans each year with the highest rates of disease in children less than one year of age.

ACHA recommends that college health care providers take a proactive role in providing information to parents and students about meningococcal disease and access to the vaccine. ACHA also recommends that college students consider vaccination to reduce the risk for meningococcal disease.

Meningitis, or inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, is the most common syndrome of infection with *N. meningitidis*. Early symptoms include fever, severe headache, nausea, vomiting, lethargy, stiff neck and rash. The disease can progress rapidly in as little as 12 hours,

according to the ACHA.

According to Avenir Pasteur, Inc., the disease is potentially very dangerous because it is relatively rare and it is often mistaken for a minor cold or flu, and as a result, is ignored. Up to one out of five people who develop the meningococcal bacterial disease will die. Of those who survive, up to one in five will suffer from permanent disabilities such as amputation, brain damage, hearing loss and seizures.

Bacterial meningitis is far more serious than the more common viral meningitis, which causes a flu like illness that clears up on its own. It occurs most often in late winter or early spring and kills about 10% of its victims, or about 300 people each year in the USA, according to ACHA.

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## Campus Events

Blood Drive On Campus

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 27 in the Carl Perkins Center. The drive is open to the community. For more information contact Catherine Kelly at (606) 783-5124.

Spring Job Fair Coming Up

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 5 in the Cragar Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Career Services is sponsoring this opportunity for students to talk with more than 40 employers looking to hire MSU students for full-time and summer jobs, or to talk with students about graduate programs. For more information call Career Services at (606) 783-2233.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Professors receive top honors from KMEA

### Detweiler and Norden accept awards at Louisville conference

BY SHANNON PATTERSON

ARTS EDITOR

MSU assistant professors of music Dr. Greg Detweiler and Eugene Norden recently accepted awards from the Kentucky Music Educators Association for the year of 2002. The annual take-place conference banquet took place on Feb. 8 in Louisville.

Detweiler has been presented with the 2002 College Music Teacher of the Year Award and Norden was given this year's highest honor from the KMEA, the Distinguished Service Award.

Detweiler said teachers in a district vote to nominate other teachers for the awards. Kentucky has 13 districts and each has one nomination vote. The nominations were announced in June 2001 and the winners were announced in January.

Dr. Robyn Swanson, KMEA president, said Detweiler's selection was based on his outstanding teaching in his field, involvement in the promotion of music and his colleagues' letters of recommendation.

"I thought it was an award you'd have to be here [in Kentucky] a long time to receive," Detweiler said. "Having taught in Kentucky for less than four years, it is a real honor for me."



Photo by Chris Heger  
Greg Detweiler

me to receive this kind of recognition from my peers."

Detweiler, originally from Pennsylvania, received his doctorate in music from the University of Illinois. He has held positions at Albion College, Idaho State University, Southeastern Louisiana

University and Mercer University. He also has performed with Robert Shaw, Fred Waring and the United States Army Soldiers' Chorus.

At MSU where he has taught since 1998, Detweiler is the director of the MSU Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Men's Chorus. He also teaches classes in conducting and gives vocal instruction.

Detweiler said one of the reasons he received the award is he conducted one of the MSU choirs at the KMEA 2001 convention where they did a wonderful concert. He said he feels his award is an accomplishment for the whole team.

"I've had a wonderful group of students who are very receptive," Detweiler said. "Their willingness to go through the crazy things I come up with makes them a joy to work with."

Norden's selection, Swanson said, was based on his exemplary performance and dedication to the field of music education, leadership service and numerous contributions

to music education in Kentucky.

Norden said hopefully he is beneficial to students and their music performance so he can help further enhance their possibilities of success.

Norden said, "It's an honor in recognition of a lot of years of service to music education in Kentucky. The award is normally given on various capacities. Helping students in Kentucky experience music is what it's all about. I'll always be involved with KMEA to some capacity."

Norden attended Western State College in Colorado for his bachelor's degree in music, and he earned a Master of Music degree from MSU.

Norden became a member of the faculty at MSU in 1968 when he became assistant director of bands.

After becoming director of band from 1981 to 1985, today he mainly teaches music education and saxophone.

For the past 30 years Norden has been a KMEA regional manager for

music festivals and a festival commission chairman for six years. He is the recipient of several other KMEA awards that include the District 8 Distinguished Service



Photo by Chris Heger  
Eugene Norden

Award in 1985, a Citation of Service award in 1995 and College Music Teacher of the Year Award in 1997.

Furthermore, Norden has appeared as a solo saxophonist, woodwind clinician, guest conductor, evaluator of marching/concert bands and a motivational speaker in

15 states.

"Music is really a great opportunity to stand a bit taller in life," Norden said. "It's an extra measure of enhancement of life and creativity."

Norden said when motivationally speaking he talks to student groups about values of music. Those values, he said, are a way of giving opportunities to express in creative ways. He said they also talk about the byproducts of music, one of which is teamwork.

"Students need to understand the performing arts are a way to define the culture we live in, especially after September. Music speaks in a different way."

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## Dark comedy depicts desperation for success

BY MIRANDA WILSON

STAFF WRITER

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 26, MSU Theatre will present John Guare's award winning play, "The House of Blue Leaves" in Kibbey Theatre.

First produced off-Broadway in 1971, Director Travis Lockhart says "The House of Blue Leaves" is a comedy, but it isn't -- it's a dark comedy.

The plot takes place in New York on Oct. 4, 1965 and surrounds Artie, a zookeeper who is also an aspiring composer, his eccentric wife Bunnies and his girlfriend Bunny. As an added story line, Artie's son plans to use explosives to blow up Pope Paul IV who is visiting the United Nations to plead for world peace.

"In this production there is a roller coaster of emotions both around a family who is consumed by becoming famous anyway it can," Lockhart says.

In her first lead role, junior

Laurie Dye portrays Bunnies, a woman whose husband has driven her to what she has become, "which

Drama Critics Awards and the Obie award for Best American Play in 1971.

**"You can expect to laugh and cry at the same time,"**

—Laurie Dye, Bunnies in "House of Blue Leaves"

is crazy," Dye says.

Senior Steve Kazee plays the role of Artie and graduate student Melissa Mattingly assumes the role of Bunny.

Lockhart says, "The basic underlying theme of the play is the desperate drive for success."

Artie wants to succeed in becoming a famous composer and his son, back from the Vietnam War, wants to succeed in blowing up the Pope.

The play, produced in 1968, won the New York and Los Angeles

Lockhart says the play is modern in the sense that it cannot be considered strictly comedy or strictly tragedy.

"It veers from serious drama to Marx brother comedy," he says, referring to the physical comedy. Kazee says the characters are humorous, yet tragic at the same time.

Lockhart says the character of Artie is essentially a mere comical version of Willy Loman, the tragic protagonist character from "Death

of a Salesman."

Though Artie is striving for fame and fortune, the other characters of the play also strive for their own ideas of success, Lockhart says.

Dye and Kazee say all of the human emotions are displayed in the production.

"You can expect to laugh and cry at the same time," Dye says.

"The House of Blue Leaves" opened Tuesday and will run through Sunday, March 3. Nightly showings are at 8 p.m. The matinee on Sunday begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$2 for non-MSU students and senior citizens and free to MSU students with a valid student ID.

Reservations are suggested due to the limited seating in Kibbey Theatre and can be arranged by calling the Theatre Box Office at 783-2170 or via email, [msu\\_theatre@hotmail.com](mailto:msu_theatre@hotmail.com).

Miranda Wilson can be reached by phone at 783-2697.



Photo by Chris Heger

Senior Steve Kazee, as Artie, listens while Melissa Mattingly, playing his girlfriend Bunny, rants.

## Theatre Review "Blue Leaves" actors on the mark

BY ABIGAIL MALIK

CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Talent and enthusiasm is once again displayed from Morehead State University Theatre in the production of John Guare's "The House of Blue Leaves."

The story takes place in a single day and surrounds the character of Artie Shaughnessy and his struggle for sanity in a life full of less than star characters.

Steve Kazee gives an excellent portrayal of Shaughnessy, a Queens, New York, native trying

to escape from himself.

Kazee draws the crowd into the play with his singing, sincere facial expressions and perhaps the most necessary talent of all—the mastering of a native Queens accent that he consistently upholds throughout the entire performance.

Shaughnessy's wife Bunnies, played by Laurie Dye, is a key comical element within the plot, several times making the audience chuckle when perhaps it was not intended.

Melissa Mattingly plays Shaughnessy's girlfriend Bunny, whose name deceptively portrays

her loud and dominating personality, while pinpointing her expressive sexuality.

MSU Theatre increases the quality of their productions with impressive settings and props. For "Blue Leaves," many small items on the set seem unnecessary until the play begins and the strategy behind their placement becomes apparent.

"The House of Blue Leaves" proves to be a tragic comedy that portrays a crazy side of life while evoking the truth within the madness.

## Campus Arts Calendar

New Photography Exhibit at Kentucky Folk Art Center

"A Spring-Fed Pond," photographs by Kentucky Poet Laureate James Baker Hall, will be on exhibit Mar. 7 through Apr. 26 in the Adkins Gallery of the Kentucky Folk Art Center. The show includes 54 photographs plus 16 text panels featuring the writings of authors. The Kentucky Folk Art Center is located at 102 West First Street in Morehead and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2204.

Graduate Student Performs Free Vocal Program

Kimba Bink, an MSU graduate student with a newly-released CD titled "Liberation Pt. 1," will share his music with the Morehead community for free on Thursday, Feb. 28. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and take place at the Multicultural Student Services Center, located at 258 University St. Additional information is available by calling Peggy Overly, Minority Student Services coordinator, at (606) 783-2129.

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# Eagles hold off TSU for semi-final berth

## Forward Ricky Minard named to All-OVC First Team

BY GREG DAWKINS  
SPORTS EDITOR

A berth in the final four of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament awaits the Morehead State men's basketball team with last night's 91-82 first round win over Tennessee State at Johnson Arena.

The damage to TSU was done in the first half as the Eagles took a 50-33 edge into the intermission off 71.4 percent shooting from the field (20-of-28), including 5-of-9 three-pointers and 5-of-6 from the charity.

With the game knotted at 14 with 14:55 left in the first half, MSU went on a 22-9 run down to the 6-48 mark. An 8-0 run to open the second stanza put the Eagles up by 25 points for their biggest lead of the game. The difference was enough for Morehead to cruise to victory.

Head coach Kyle Macy said his squad did enough to hold on to the victory over Tennessee State who would not go away down the stretch.

Morehead lit up the basket with a 62.5 field goal percentage (35-of-56) for the game compared to TSU's 45.9 percent (28-of-61).

The Eagles will face Murray State Friday night (8 p.m.) at the Kentucky International Convention Center in the league's second semifinal. The first semifinal will pit Tennessee Tech against Austin Peay, as the first round favorites all advanced in last night's action.

Murray swamped defending tournament champion Eastern

Illinois, 103-56. Morehead holds a 2-0 series advantage this season over the Racers.

Senior forward Kyle Umberger said it would not matter who they

would play in the semifinal because both teams are very good and either way the team (Morehead) would have to play very hard.

In his last game at Johnson

Arena, Umberger led the Eagles with a double-double with 25 points and 13 rebounds against TSU.

Umberger said he was not mind-ful of it being the last home game

of his career but that it may have been his last period for the blue and gold. He said he just wanted another game and for it not to end there.

"We'll take it as a game at a time and I want us to go as far as we can," Umberger said.

Eagheston of the power forward's points came in the second half. Macy said TSU looked to exploit MSU with quickness and outside shooting with a smaller line up in the second half.

With the smaller Tigers on the court Umberger took full advantage, hitting 11-of-14 from the field. The Eagles outscored the Tigers 36-24 and had a 21-15 assists advantage.

Ricky Minard added 20 points with six rebounds and eight assists. Freshman guard Kyle Hanks chimed in with a career best 19 points, 15 of which came in the first half.

Macy said of Hanks' effort that he has always been capable of it and with the loss of Casey Lowe, due to an injury, someone had to step up as there is no longer the luxury of switching between the three guards of Lowe, Hanks and Chez Marks to find out who had the hot hand on a particular night.

Lowe played 14 minutes of Saturday's Murray State game before sustaining a broken leg in the final seconds of the game. The injury has put Lowe out for the season.

The squad finished out the regular season with a record of 17-10, 11-5 OVC. Two wins on the road at Martin, Tenn., and Murray, Ky., gave the Eagles their best conference record since the 1983-84 season when they won the league with a 12-2 record.

Thursday night's game at the University of Tennessee - Martin resulted in a Morehead 84-72 win.

On the strength of Umberger's career high 27 points (8-of-11 from

the field and 11-of-12 free throws), the Eagles extended an eight-point lead (35-27) at the half to the 12-point victory.

The Eagles knocked down 27-of-48 (.563) with 5-of-11 (.455) beyond the arc.

Martin's nation's leading free throw shooting team, would also convert on 25-of-31 (.806) from the foul line. In the second half, MSU were sent to the line 26 times, knocking down 84.6 percent (22). The Eagles made 79.5 percent from the charity stripe coming into last week to top the nation.

Martin's Skyhawks would convert just 28 times on 62 (.452) field goal attempts, with 6-of-20 (.300) three-pointers. UTM hit 10-of-15 (.667) from the bonus.

Martin had a slight edge on the boards with a 32-30 count. Both teams each had 18 assists and 12 turnovers.

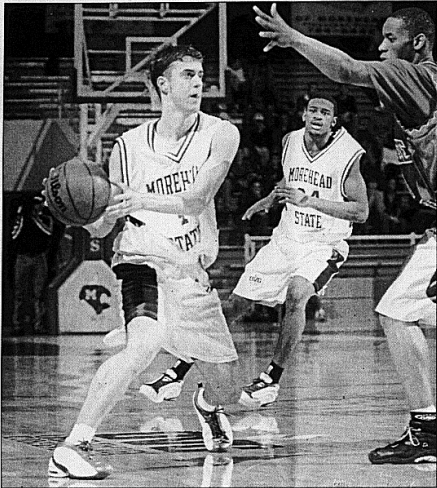
Eagle guard Marquis Sykes tallied 11 assists in the game and in doing so became Morehead's all-time assist leader on record. The junior now has 435 assists including the game against TSU last night.

Sykes also chimed in with 16 points, one of four Eagles in double figures. Minard tallied 17 points and Chez Marks added 12 points.

In Murray, Ky., Saturday night the Racers and the Eagles played out for the second seed of the conference tournament. Morehead's squad overcame a five-point half-time deficit (27-32) to claw their way to a six-point victory.

With 15-of-25 (.600) from the field and 4-of-6 (.667) from the arc in the second half, the Eagles' better shooting proved the difference. Murray would only convert on 12-of-34 (.353) from the field and scores from 11 attempts from the perimeter in the second stanza.

Overall the Morehead squad shot 55.3 percent (26-of-47) and 8-See EAGLES, page 9



Freshman guard Kyle Hanks looks for a pass in the Eagle game last night in Johnson Arena. MSU will face Murray State Friday at 8 p.m. in Louisville. Hanks scored a career best 19 points in the win.

# Women's squad tramples Skyhawks, 90-66

## Head coach Laura Litter selected as Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year

BY JENNIFER BROWN  
EDITOR

Senior forward Tasha Gales scored 22 points and grabbed 10 boards last night to lead the Lady Eagles to a 90-66 victory over Tennessee-Martin in Johnson Arena in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

"It was a tremendous team effort," MSU Head Coach Laura Litter said. "We were just carrying out God's will and we are ready to suit up for Louisville."

The third seeded Lady Eagles (21-7) will now travel to Louisville to face number one seeded Tennessee Tech, who defeated Eastern Illinois 67-43 last night in Nashville.

The Lady Eagles, who haven't hosted an OVC Tournament game since the 1996-97 season, took an early 6-0 lead at the 17:51 mark when Gales connected on a jump shot underhanded the basket to put MSU on top 6-0.

The sixth-seeded Skyhawks cut the lead to two, 10-8, with 15:53 remaining in the first half on a three-point jumper by senior guard Kelly Pendleton.

The Lady Eagles took a 19-point lead, their biggest of the half, with 8:36 left in the game on a three-point jump shot by senior guard Amy Spear.

MSU had the nine-point advantage, 41-32, at the half.

The Lady Eagles shot 15-of-29 (.517 percent) from the field, while the Skyhawks made 10-of-33 (.303 percent).

Turnovers seemed to plague the Lady Eagles, who committed 11 in the first half and eight in the second half.

UT-Martin committed 15 turnovers in the game; with 10 of those coming in the second half.

The Skyhawks dominated the beginning of the second half, cutting the lead to just three points, 45-42 at the 16:03 mark.

But the Lady Eagles turned things around, with a key by Spear and a pair of three-pointers by



Laura Litter

Brown to give MSU the 17-point lead, 59-42, with 11:28 remaining.

The Skyhawks could never catch up with MSU as the Lady Eagles ran away with the 24-point victory.

Brown chipped in 11 points and six rebounds in the win. Spear added nine points and nine assists.

The Lady Eagles were 32-of-57 (.561 percent) from the field, while the Skyhawks connected on just 24-of-73 (.32 percent).

In last week's action the Lady Eagles traveled to Martin, Tenn., Thursday and defeated the Skyhawks, 91-82.

The Skyhawks led 46-44 at halftime, but Spear tied the game in the second half at 66.

The game was tied again at 69, but Morehead State used a 16-3 run to take the lead for the rest of the

game. Four of Morehead State's five starters finished in double digits.

Brown led the squad with 24 points, while Turner registered 20 points and pulled down six boards. Spear scored 18 points, while Gales and sophomore forward DeVonda Williams netted 10 points each.

Skyhawk's Pendleton hit two three-pointers in the game and became the school's all-time leading three-point shooter with 154 career three's, breaking assistant coach Tara Tansil's mark of 152 three-pointers made.

The Lady Eagles shot 45.8 percent (27-of-59) from the field, while the Skyhawks were 39.4 percent (26-of-66).

MSU connected on 29-of-35 (82.9 percent) from behind the line and UT-Martin made 18-of-22 (81.8 percent).

On Saturday, Morehead State traveled to Murray, Ky., where they beat OVC opponent Murray State University 80-75.

Morehead State had the 14-point advantage at the half, leading the Lady Racers 44-30, shooting 51.5 percent (17-of-33) from the field in the first 20 minutes.

But the Lady Racers trailed 73-55 with 7:29 left in the game, but made a comeback, outscoring the Lady Eagles 20-6 over the next seven minutes.

The Lady Eagles' biggest lead of the game was 18, which they had twice, the last time coming when they took a 73-55 lead with 7:29 remaining in the game.

Gales led the offense for the Lady Eagles, scoring 26 points, connecting on 13-of-21 field goal attempts, and pulling down five boards.

Turner added 14 points, senior See SQUAD, page 9



Junior guard Tiffany McCoy drives past an opponent in MSU's 90-66 win last night after Tennessee. Martin. The Lady Eagles will travel to Louisville Saturday to face Tennessee Tech in the semi-finals.





Photo by Guy Hoffman

Senior forward Kyle Umberger posts up for a shot last night in the Eagles' 91-82 win over Tennessee State. Umberger, playing in his last game at Johnson Arena, led MSU with 25 points and 13 rebounds.

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of-17 three-pointers compared to Murray's 40.3 percent (25-of-62) and 4-of-23 three-pointers.

The Racers extra 15 shot attempts from the field came mostly due to a 16-4 offensive rebounds advantage, and a 34-25 edge on total rebounds.

Morehead had four players in double figures, led by center Ike Lopez with 16 points. Lopez netted 7-of-9 from the field and pulled down five rebounds in the game.

Marks got the ball on most occasions for a shot, as his 5-of-12 from the field tallied out for 13 points. Minard chipped in with 11 points, and Casey Lowe was a perfect

three-of-three from the perimeter for his 10 points.

Macy said that Lowe would be missed in the upcoming semifinal against Murray State, as the junior guard had stepped up big in the previous two matchups.

For the week's games against Austin Peay, Martin and Murray, Ricky Minard scored 61 points (20.3 ppg) and had 12 rebounds, 10 assists, three blocked shots and six steals. He hit 25-of-46 (.543) from the field, including eight-of-16 from three-point range. The performance earned Minard the conference player of the week honor for the third time this season.

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center Francis Montgomery scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds and Brown registered 14 points and nine boards.

The Lady Eagles won a school-record 10 OVC contests and posted their first 20-win season since 1981-82, tying the program's mark for third-highest overall victories.

MSU has also tied a school mark for best single-season turnaround after a 10-game improvement over its 2000-01 record of 10-19.

Morehead State finished the regular season with an overall record of 20-7 and an OVC record of 10-6.

Litter earned her first OVC Coach of the Year award this year after leading Morehead State to its

highest conference finish since 1988-89.

Litter is in her fifth year piloting the MSU program. She sits with a 44-91 record at Morehead State and a 480-176 career mark in 20 seasons, which includes stints at Sullivan College (1989-97) and Lees College (1981-89).

"It is such a tremendous honor," Litter said. "I am very appreciative of it. But I have to give credit to my assistant coaches and the team."

Gales was honored as an All-OVC First Team selection and junior guard Tracee Turner grabbed an All-OVC Second Team selection.

"It is a tremendous honor to

In his sophomore year, Minard has stepped up from last year's freshman of the year in the league and All-OVC Second Team selection to be placed in this year's All-OVC First Team. The Mansfield, Ohio, native ranks in the top 12 of 11 OVC statistical categories, including the league's best 2.56 steals per game. He ranks second in the conference and sixth in the nation for scoring with 23.1 points per game. The scoring forward has totaled double figures in every game this season.

A conference second team selection for the Eagles was senior forward Kyle Umberger. The

Ashland, Ky., native has a career 4,372 points in the blue and gold and 610 rebounds. This season he has tallied his seasons best 382 points and 181 rebounds.

Sheer beating the Eagles offense at the point all year Marquis Sykes racked up 147 assists to lead the conference with 6.2 assists per game and to be ranked 16th nationally. Sykes' performances this year earned him an All-OVC third team selection.

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finally have someone recognized on the first team," Litter said. "They don't want enough recognition. They don't want the recognition or the credit."

Gales earned All-OVC Honorable Mention honors the past two years. The Columbus, Ohio, native was the league's second-best shot-blocker this season with 49 rejections.

She also ranked fifth in the OVC in scoring (17.1 ppg) and sixth in rebounding (7.1 rpg).

Gales averages 30.1 minutes a game and has six double-doubles this season, while reaching double figures in 26 consecutive contests.

Turner, who earned All-OVC Honorable Mention honors last sea-

son, broke her streak of 41 consecutive free throws made in the game against UT-Martin last night.

She averages 32.7 minutes per game and averages 15.1 points per game.

Turner also set the OVC record against the Skyhawks on Thursday with 41 consecutive made free throws, beating Southeast Missouri's Paula Corder who made 39 in 1998-99.

For her performance last week, Turner was also named the OVC Player of the Week.

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# Lady Eagle players pose triple threat for scoring

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Two years ago the MSU women's basketball team was at a crossroads, finishing with a 2-25 season. But by the end of last year's season the pieces were finally coming together.

In the 1999-2000 losing season Tasha Gales was a sophomore playing her first season for the Lady Eagles. Kandi Brown was in her senior year at West Carter high school, which ended in a state title, and MVP of the girl's Sweet 16. Tracee Turner was sitting out her transfer year from the University of Richmond.

The three first came together as teammates in the 2000-2001 (10-19) losing season that ended with an upset victory of Eastern Kentucky in last year's first round of the conference tournament.

Now, with a season together under their belts, the trio has sparked the club and is the offensive backbone in this year's campaign.

Gales leads the team in scoring and is fifth in the conference with 17.1 points per game. Turner has netted 15.1 points per game to rank seventh among conference scorers and Brown averages 13.5 points in tenth place for conference.

"We've come together as a family," says Gales, a junior communications major from Columbus, Ohio.

Gales says one of the keys to this year's team has been teammates knowing their roles.

"Fellow Lady Eagle starters Amy Spear and Frances Montgomery have added depth to the team.

Spear leads the team in assists

and is fourth in OVC with 4.93 assists per game. The senior guard has an assist-turnover ratio of 1.34 to lead MSU and rank seventh in the conference.

Montgomery has the highest field goal percentage (53.7) for Morehead. The senior center pulls down 2.56 offensive boards per game. Her offensive rebounds and shooting percent rank sixth in the league, respectively.

Gales says she had a hard time with the team rules two years ago, when the losses were piling up.

"I used to sit in the locker room after a loss and relive the whole game," Gales says. "I still have more growing to do as a player, but I hope my teammates will follow in my footsteps."

Gales, who averages a team-high 17.1 rebounds a game (6th in OVC) and a league best 1.93 blocks per game, has grown into one of the vocal leaders of the team. This is something Gales says just goes with her personality.

"I wouldn't call myself quiet," Gales says. "I think I'm goal-oriented—I want to win."

MSU Head Coach Laura Litter says the transformation in Gales since first coming to the Lady Eagles is very apparent.

Litter says Gales has come a long way from being the lightly recruited player from Brookhaven High School in Columbus, to being one of the best players in the OVC.

"We could tell in the recruiting process that she had the possibility of being a diamond in the rough," Litter says. "She may be one of the best athletes to ever play women's basketball here at MSU."

Brown who a heavily recruited

player out of Olive Hill, Ky., chose MSU after a stellar high school career at West Carter that ended with a state championship her senior year.

"I wanted to stay close to my family," Brown says. "I'm kind of a homebody."

Brown says the coaching staff and the players on the team also were a factor in her decision to become a Lady Eagle.

"It's nice to have the small town atmosphere," Brown says.

Brown, now a sophomore, says she is less vocal than Gales, but she tries to do her talking on the floor by the way she plays and does what she is asked to do.

Brown scores her points with a high percentage shot — she makes 2.07 three-pointers per game (tied for third in OVC) at an average of 37.3 percent. The Olive Hill native leads the way from the foul line with 94.6 percent.

"On the court, Kandi's one we've been looking to for leadership down the stretch," Litter says. "We feel very confident in her ability to shoot the ball."

The trace of the trio is also the shy.

Tracee Turner, a junior from Richmond, Ky., was one of the early surprises at the beginning of the season.

Turner has transformed herself into one of the more dangerous players in the OVC.

"It was understood at the beginning of the season that I would have to be more of a scorer," Turner says. "Coach Litter asked me to step up my play."

Turner has done just that, increasing her free throw and three

point shooting percentages. She is 87.3 percent from the stripe to rank fourth in the conference, and con-

verts on a league best 42.7 percent from the perimeter for 1.52 three-pointers per game. The junior

guard/forward has 107 assists to rank second for the Lady Eagles' behind Spear.

Litter says, "Tracee is blessed with a lot of God-given ability. She's so quiet that if she makes a mistake, that's usually what you remember."

Litter says she thought Turner was going to sign with the Lady Eagles out of high school.

Turner's father played football for the Eagles so Litter thought MSU would have the edge. Unfortunately, at the last minute, Turner decided to sign with the University of Richmond.

After a year of not liking her situation in Indiana, Turner decided to come back to Kentucky and play for the Lady Eagles.

Litter says she is happy with what things have worked out with Turner.

"God lets things happen for a reason," Litter says. "I think next year is going to be our year, and having Turner and Tasha as seniors and Kandi with one more year left — we're going to have a very solid team."

Gales says the outside presence of Brown and Turner, as well as other players on the team, has made a tremendous difference this year.

"A lot of teams look for us to score on the inside," Gales says. "You need to have an outside game as well as an inside game, and we have gotten good at taking the shot when it's there."

All three scorers will once again be key in the Lady Eagle offense as they take to the court this weekend in the conference final four in Louisville.

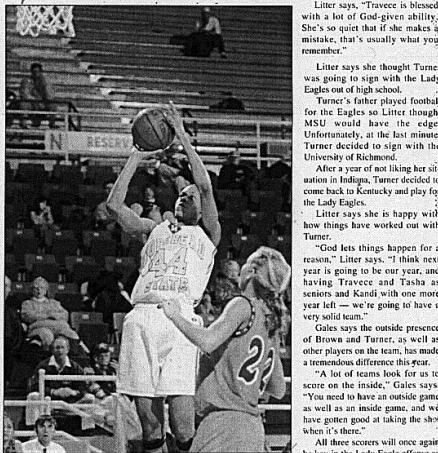


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Senior forward Tasha Gales jumps up for a shot in the Lady Eagles' 90-66 victory last night over UT-Martin. Gales totaled 22 points.

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# Baseball Eagles tie MSU hitting record in opener

BY JENNIFER BROWN  
EDITOR

The Morehead State baseball Eagles opened their 2002 campaign on Feb. 20 in cold and rainy conditions with a 27-11 home triumph over NAIA opponent Campbellsville University.

The Eagles combined for 21 runs in the first three innings and tied a school record with 26 hits. The game lasted five and one-half hours due to two rain delays.

Sophomore shortstop David Hughes went 5-for-4 at the plate, scoring four runs and driving in two more to lead the MSU offense.

Sophomore center fielder Casey Gilvin was 4-for-4 with three runs, while freshman second baseman Mike Matonek hit 3-for-3, driving in five runs and scoring three.

Matonek homered on his first and second collegiate at-bats. Matonek, junior pinch

hitter center fielder Rey Gentry and senior left fielder Bubba Lavender each hit home runs in the victory.

Senior first baseman Will Renaker finished the game 3-for-5 at the plate with a double and one RBI.

Junior right-hander Matt Midkiff earned the win on the mound, allowing four earned runs while striking out three in three and two-thirds innings of work.

The Tigers struck 13 hits in the game.

"We can really hit," MSU Head Coach John Jarangan said. "Campbellsville wasn't a very good competition for us. I am looking forward to more these next two

weeks. We will be playing teams who are a lot like Dayton."

On Saturday, the Eagles split a doubleheader with the University of Dayton Flyers.

In game one, the Flyers put on an offensive show, outscoring the Eagles 9-3.

Morehead State had the 1-0 lead

striking out four batters. Reliever Sam Fischer finished the game, striking out eight MSU batters.

"Dayton was a decent club — they are not a push over team," Jarangan said.

In the nightcap, the Eagles pounded eight hits to defeat the Flyers 5-2.



Photo by Gary Hoffman

Sophomore center fielder Casey Gilvin beat the throw at home plate to score for the Eagles in MSU's 27-11 win over Campbellsville University Feb. 20. The Eagles are 2-2 after their first week of the season.

after three innings, but the Flyers unloaded nine runs off of nine hits in the final four innings to take the victory.

Lavender went 3-for-3 at the

white second baseman Matt McCleskey went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs.

Mike Rolih picked up the win on the mound, going four innings and

Dayton's Aaron Pals and MSU right-hander Casey Campbell allowed no runs and just two hits, respectively, through the first four innings.

MSU got on the scoreboard in the fifth inning on an RBI single by Glavin and a double by sophomore third baseman Kevin Matusek.

Flyer left fielder Tom Bechum homered to right center in the sixth inning to put Dayton within one.

In the bottom of the seventh, sophomore right-fielder Cary Page nailed a bases-loaded single to give the Eagles the win.

Sophomores catcher Jon Childers led Morehead State at the plate, finishing 2-for-3 with a double.

"I was a little discouraged because we had the chance to win and we almost kicked it in the second game," Jarangan said. "We can't make the errors that we did. When that happens, our pitching can go either way. The confidence factor is huge because the pitching can be sort of fragile."

Campbell picked up his first win of the season on the mound, pitching six innings, while giving up only three hits and striking out four batters.

"Casey (Campbell) pitched great," Jarangan said. "I thought we pitched better over the weekend than we did on Wednesday. I think Eddy (Bushman) will be fine and I thought Rick (Lowe) did way better. Pitching-wise, we are way better. The win in the season than we were last year."

On Sunday, the Flyers ripped 12 hits to defeat the Eagles 12-7.

Dayton had the 2-1 advantage after the first inning, but the Eagles scored three runs in the second on home runs by Renaker and Kyle Matusek to take the 4-2 lead.

The Flyers went on to score two runs in the fourth inning, five in the fifth, one in the sixth and two in the seventh to earn the win.

Renaker finished the game going 3-for-3 at the plate with a pair of home runs and two RBIs.

Childers went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a homer.

Kevin Matusek and Kyle Matusek each belted a hit over the fence in the game.

"I didn't think we'd hit well Sunday," Jarangan said. "Our hitters aren't really there yet either. But it will get better."

Junior left-hander Jason Beasley picked up his first loss of the season on the mound, after coming in relief for senior right-hander Rick Lowe.

Beasley went three innings on the mound, giving up six hits and six runs, while walking three and striking out one Flyer batter.

"I wish we were 3-1 instead of 2-2, but at this stand point, we're okay. It is more of a confidence thing," Jarangan said.

The Eagles were scheduled to host Pikeville today at 3 p.m. at Sonny Allen Field, but due to bitter weather conditions, the game has been rescheduled for Thursday at 2 p.m.

MSU will host a three-game series with Toledo this weekend. The doubleheader is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. and the single game will be on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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## Softball team split doubleheader

BY STEVE BLACK  
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The Morehead State University softball team opened their 2002 season on at home yesterday, splitting a doubleheader with Northern Kentucky University.

While having so many new faces on a team would normally scare most coaches, head coach Jennifer Vansickle takes it in stride.

"With so many new players on the team, we have to teach a little more," Vansickle said.

Vansickle said things were a little less on the teaching side last year, because she had a lot more experience on the field, highlighted by pitcher Pam Crawford and leading hitter Joni Robinson.

This year, Robinson is gone due to graduation, and Crawford is red-shirting, so the team has to look to the newcomers to make up the slack.

"Every time you lose a player of her (Crawford) quality is a big loss," Vansickle said. "I do think we have the depth to overcome the loss."

The new players will have to work hard to improve the team's overall record of a year ago. The Eagles were 13-29 overall with a 6-14 conference slate last season.

Vansickle said she has a lot of players who she'll rely on this year.

"I could name to you 10 players on our roster this year who are going to have a significant impact on our team," Vansickle said. "I told the team earlier this year, when everyone of them is going to make a key play in one of our games this year, whether it be running, hitting, or in the field."

Vansickle said one of the important things the younger team has had this year is a good attitude. She says this helps out in the coaching process, as the coaches have to work with the team a little more on situational parts of the game.

A lack of concentration in certain situations looked to be the down of the softball Eagles as they opened their season against NKU.

The Lady Eagles were able to come out of the doubleheader in cold and sunny conditions with a split, losing the first game and winning the second.

NKU came out solid in the first game, but late errors by MSU proved costly in the Norse's 6-3 win.

"In the first game, errors really hurt us," Vansickle said. "We have to take those out."

While MSU was able to get runners on, they struggled to get them in, coming out of many innings with stranded runners.

In the bottom of the sixth inning,

with MSU trailing 6-3 with the bases loaded and one out, the Lady Eagles couldn't get the hits to push the runners across, and the possible rally went by the waste-side, as well as a chance for a victory.

"In this game, you have to have key hits if you want to win," Vansickle said. "They (NKU) were much better at putting key hits together in the first game than we were."

The second game of the night proved to be better for the MSU, as they were able to get some key hits, in pulling out an 8-6 victory.

"I was happy we were able to come back and win the second game," Vansickle said. "I knew we were a much better team than how we played in the first game."

MSU struggled some in the early innings, falling behind 3-0.

They were then able to pick up the pace, stringing some hits together as tie things up at three.

Once again, NKU was able to gain the upper-hand with another three-run burst, but MSU pulled right back to even with a burst of their own to tie the game up at six.

Then MSU pitcher Jacques Jackson, a new addition to the team, was able to clamp down the rest of the way for MSU, not allowing another run from the fourth inning on.

Big hits by Stephanie Swanger and Sara Hacker gave the Lady Eagles the winning runs in the bottom of the fifth, leading MSU to the 8-6 victory.

"Jacques (Jackson) pitched a fine game for us tonight," Vansickle said. "We also had a lot of good hitting performances."

The Eagle softball squad will face tough competition at the Cavalier Classic this weekend in Charlottesville, Va.

MSU will face Rider, Bowling Green, Tennessee, Appalachian State and host Virginia.

Vansickle said this is a tournament that really throws her team into the game.

"We're going to go right at the big dogs this weekend," Vansickle said. "I think we're ready to go. We just want to get better each game."

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